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Dear

Thank you for your letter of March 31 clarifying my question about the Treasury check which came to me the origin of which was unclear to me. In examining my own file, I also note that there was, in fact, no mention of the word "honorarium." I guess I just assumed it since it is kind of expected that a trip and a discussion or talk involves some reimbursement. For a scholar like myself, even saying that sounds crass and gross, but underpaid scholars do, in fact, expect to be treated no differently than other people who get paid for their talents and need to eat like everyone else.

In any case, it was a pleasure having dinner with Admiral Turner and hopefully in the process serving the national purpose.

Please convey my regards to the Admiral.

Sincerely yours,

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